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1. ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY NOT DISPLEASED WITH FINAL DENOUEMENT TO PARTICIPATION ISSUE IN NFZ STUDY GROUP. WHILE THEY DO PLAN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR LIMITED PARTICIPATION, THEY WILL NOT BE PROPOSING SPECIFIC NFZ PLANS OF THEIR OWN. ITALIAN OBJECTIVE WILL BE TO ASSURE THATNFZ TALKS MEET FOLLOWING TESTS:
1) ZONES CAREFULLY DRAWN SO AS TO INCLUDE ONLY LOGICAL GEO-GRAPHICAL AREAS; 2) EACH COUNTRY WITHIN NFZ HAS AGREED TO TERMS OF PROPOSAL; AND 3) NFZ STUDY GROUP NOT BECOME A PROPAGANDA FORUM.

2. SPECIFIC ITALIAN CONCERN IS THAT ANY PROPOSED MID EAST NFZ NOT GROW TO INCLUDE MEDITERRANEAN IN ANY WAY THAT COULD DAMAGE EFFECTIVENESS OF SIXTH FLEET. MFA HAS BEEN PLEASANTLY SURPRISED THAT SOVIETS HAVE NOT BEEN SERIOUSLY PUSHING THE BREZHNEVE
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PLAN FOR A NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE MEDITERRANEAN SEA. IN FACT,

SOVIETS HAVE NEVER MADE DEMARCHE TO ITALIANS CONCERNING
SIXTH FLEET NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEPLOYED IN
MEDITERRANEAN FROM ITALIAN PORTS. THEY ARE MILDLY CONCERNED,
HOWEVER, THAT PLAN COULD REEMERGE AT CCD. BEAUDRY

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